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1. EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 7 RECEIVED A LETTER OF THAT DATE FROM DR. L. D. VORONOVA, SOVIET HEAD OF SUBJECT PROJECT, TO DR. LUCILLE F. STICKEL, HER US COUNTERPART. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION PROVIDED IN PARA 2. ORIGINAL POUCHED EPA FOR SHOSTAL, REGISTRY NO. 1911892.

2. DEAR DR. STICKEL:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JULY 11, 1978 AND THE INTERESTING 1977 AND 1978 PUBLICATIONS, WHICH I RECEIVED IN MID-AUGUST ON RETURNING FROM AN EXPEDITION. I HAVE ALREADY PASSED THE REPRINTS ON TO SPECIALISTS OF THE INSTITUTE OF ZOOLOGY, UKRANIAN SSR AND THE ALL-UNION RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF DISINFECTION AND STERILIZATION.

IN CONNECTION WITH A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT MEETINGS IN WHICH OUR LABORATORY WILL TAKE PART IN THE FALL OF THIS
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YEAR (IN PARTICULAR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE IUCN) IT WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT FOR US IF OUR DELEGATION'S VISIT ON PROJECT 02.03-41 COULD BE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 1978. THE DELEGATION'S COMPOSITION WILL BE SENT TO YOU LATER ON.

DURING THIS VISIT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO GET

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ACQUAINTED WITH THE WORK OF THOSE INSTITUTES AND LABORATORIES WHERE STUDIES ON SIDE EFFECTS OF FERTILIZERS ON ECOSYSTEMS AND THE INFLUENCE OF PESTICIDES ON SOIL FAUNA RECEIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION. WE ARE GREATLY INTERESTED IN VISITING THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CENTER IN DENVER WHERE METHODS OF CONTROLLING HARMFUL VERTEBRATES ARE BEING SUCCESSFULLY WORKED OUT.I AM SURE THAT THE VISIT PROGRAM FOR THE SOVIET DELEGATION ON THEME 02.03-41, WHICH YOU WILL PROPOSE, WILL BE EXTREMELY INTERESTING AND PURPOSEFUL, AS WAS YOUR LAST PROGRAM.

AS OUR MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE ENVIRONMENTAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO EXCHANGE OPINIONS NOW ON DIRECTIONS AND PLANS FOR COOPERATION ON THIS PROJECT FOR 1979 AND FUTURE YEARS. REGARDING THIS QUESTION I SUGGEST INCLUDING IN THE JCM MEMORANDUM AN ENTRY ON THE VISIT OF THREE AMERICAN EXPERTS TO THE USSR TO TAKE PART IN AN EXPERTS MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAM OF FURTHER COOPERATION ON OUR PROJECT. THIS WOULD AIM AT STUDYING THE EFFECT OF CHEMICALS, MAINLY FERTILIZERS, UPON THE SOIL AND WATER FAUNA AS WELL AS PREPARING A GLOSSARY OF SPECIAL TERMINOLOGY ON THIS TOPIC. AS TO THE FUTURE WORK I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW YOUR OPINION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PREPARING JOINT MATERIALS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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PUBLICATION ON THE SIDE EFFECTS OF THOSE PESTICIDES, WHICH ARE OF MOST INTEREST FOR BOTH SIDES. DURING OUR MEETING IN THE US WE COULD SPECIFY THE LIST OF THESE PESTICIDES AND FIX CONCRETE DATES AND THE CHARACTER OF THE MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED IN THE FUTURE.

SINCERELY, L. D. VORONOVA. GARRISON

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